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aspirate water collecting in the first chamber into the second chamber so that a level of water in said second chamber is higher than a level of water in said first chamber; and draining water through the at least one drain from the second chamber.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 2 and 22, as follows, with a marked-up copy of the amended claim being included in the Appendix attached hereto:

2. (Twice Amended) In combination, a water draining device and a paper machine;
said water draining device comprising a receiving tank, said receiving tank including a first chamber under ambient pressure and capable of receiving and collecting arriving water under ambient pressure, and a second chamber connected to said first chamber, said second chamber being connectable to a vacuum source so that said second chamber can be placed under vacuum for aspirating water collecting in the first chamber into said second chamber with said first chamber and said second chamber being constructed and arranged so that a level of water in said second chamber is higher than a level of water in said first chamber, and said second chamber including at least one drain from which water can be drained from said second chamber;
said paper machine having a machine width; and
said draining device extending at least substantially over the machine width.

22. (Twice Amended) A method of draining water from a press arrangement serving to dewater a pulp web which includes at least one elongated press nip in a direction of web travel, comprising: